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SUBJECT: VICTORIA BRANCH OF WATERSIDE WORKERS'

FEDERATION ANNOUNCES BLACK BAN ON

US FLAG SHIPS.

1. ON JULY 5 VICTORIAN SECRETARY OF THE WATERSIDE WORKERS' FEDERATION TED BULL, ANNOUNCED A BLACK BAN BY 13 MARITIME UNIONS ON ALL CARGO HANDLING OF US FLAG SHIPS FROM 7:30 A. M. FRIDAY JULY 6 UNTIL AUGUST 15 IN PROTEST AGAINST AMERICAN BOMBING OF CAMBODIA. BAN ANNOUNCED IS ONLY FOR THE PORT OF MELBOURNE BUT UNDOUBTEDLY AFFECTS ALL VICTORIAN PORTS.

2. AT PRESENT FARRELL LINE'S " AUSTRAL ENDURANCE" IN PORT BUT SAILING AT 6:45 A. M. JULY 6 TO SYDNEY, THEREBY ESCAPING BAN. IF BAN REMAINS IN EFFECT PRFEL SHIP " PHILIPPINE BEAR" EXPECTED MELBOURNE JULY 11 AND FARRELL LINE'S " AUSTRAL ENVOY" EXPECTED AUGUST 1, WILL BE AFFECTED.

3. FARRELL LINES NOTIFIED BY ASSOCIATION OF EMPLOYERS OF WATERSIDE LABOR THAT TED BULL HAD UNCLASSIFIED

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ANNOUNCED BLACK BAN. SHIPPING COMPANY CALLED BULL' S
UNION AND SPOKE TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY O' NEIL WHO CONFIRMED
THE ACTION.

4. COMMENT- IT APPEARS THAT BULL HAS ACTED
UNILATERALLY WITHOUT ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE FROM ANY
OTHER UNION SOURCE. WHEN KEN STONE, SECRETARY OF THE
VICTORIAN TRADES HALL COUNCIL, WAS CONTACTED LATE
JULY 5 HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE BAN. IN FACT, HE
STATED, HE HAD BEEN ON TELEPHONE WITH BULL JUST
PRIOR TO CONGEN CONVERSTATION AND BULL HAD MADE NO
MENTION OF THE ACTION. WILL ADVISE WHEN ADDITIONAL
DETAILS FORTHCOMING.
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